

## SECTION I. (AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS)

Following is a list of claims 1-26 as amended herein, with markings to show changes made:

1. (Currently amended) A method for increasing the DNA synthesis of dermal papilla cells in hair follicles which comprises applying to the cells a composition containing a follicle-stimulating effective amount of a creatine compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, creatine phosphate and cyclocreatine in an amount ranging from about 0.25 mM to about 1 mM.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently amended) A method for stimulating hair growth in hair plugs which comprises applying to the hair plugs a follicle stimulating effective amount of a creatine compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, creatine phosphate and cyclocreatine in an amount ranging from about 0.25 mM to about 1mM.

14-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled).

20-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously presented) A method for increasing the DNA synthesis of dermal papilla cells in hair follicles which comprises applying to the cells a composition comprising creatine in an amount ranging from about 0.25mM to about 1mM.

26. (Previously presented) A method for stimulating hair growth in hair plugs which comprises applying to the hair plugs a composition comprising creatine in an amount ranging from about 0.25mM to about 1mM.